

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

September 27, 1978
3:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The Meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Mayor McClellan opened the Special Called Council Meeting scheduled for 3:00 P.M. by indicating that the Council had before it a resolution to pass the tax roll and an Ordinance on the tax rate. She stated that the tax roll as certified by the Board of Equalization totals \$3,476,331.320. The tax base as estimated for budget purposes was \$3,453,000,000. Mayor McClellan stated it appears that the tax roll will be adequate to support the Annual Operating Budget adopted on September 25th.

Motion - Tax Roll

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council approve the resolution approving the tax roll. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mullen.

Councilmember Himmelblau thanked Mr. Jack Klitgaard, Tax Assessor-Collector, and the Board of Equalization for the work they did on the tax rate. Mayor McClellan reiterated this sentiment in behalf of the entire Council.

Roll Call On Motion

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the tax roll for FY 78-79. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau,
Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

In regard to the tax rate for FY 78-79, Mayor McClellan pointed out that debt service will be \$.28, operating will be \$.68, and this will give a total of \$.96/per \$100 valuation.

Motion - Tax Rate

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AND AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1978; AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; VALIDATING ALL PRIOR AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Himmelblau indicated that she wanted two different colors of ink used on the tax forms designating the taxes paid to the City of Austin and those paid to A.I.S.D. Mr. Klitgaard stated that it would be difficult to get the computers to print in different colored ink, but that the forms would designate which taxes are paid to who.

Mr. Klitgaard also thanked the Council and the City Manager for the help they have given in devising the tax rate and appointing a fine Board of Equalization.

Mayor McClellan indicated that she wanted to hold a Council work session on policies concerning the budget and the C.I.P. The Mayor indicated that she wanted a consensus from the Council as to when this work session should be held.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke and Councilmembers Himmelblau and Mullen indicated that they wanted to hold the work session as soon as possible, possibly within the next two weeks. In response to comments made by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, City Manager Dan Davidson stated that holding the work session in November would in no way impair their ability to follow whatever policies the Council adopts. He stated that he would like to be involved in the work session, and asked if the Council could schedule the work session either before or after October 13-27.

The Council tentatively decided upon Tuesday, October 10th at 4:30, or Wednesday October 11th at 4:30 to hold the work session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McClellan then announced that the Council would convene in a closed or executive session authorized by Section 2, Paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes annotated; and after such closed or executive session, any final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed or executive session will be made in open session, should such action, decision or vote be necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council then adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

APPROVED

Charles Keeton McClellan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe
City Clerk